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Customer No. 22,852  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Takeo ARAI ) Group Art Unit: 2853  
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Serial No.: 10/807,223 ) Examiner: L. Liang  
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Filed: March 24, 2004 )  
) Confirmation No.: 3313  
For: IMAGE RECORDING DEVICE )  
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In a restriction requirement dated April 10, 2006 the Examiner required under 35 U.S.C. § 121 an election between the following species:

**Species I**, directed to an image recording device comprising a controller that controls the curing section to cure the first ink on the recording medium, and controls the second recording head to start discharging the second ink after a conversion of the first ink on the recording medium becomes not less than 30%;

**Species II**, directed to an image recording device comprising a second recording head which discharges a second ink for background recording to a second surface of the recording medium, the second surface is opposite side, the second surface is opposite side of the first surface; and a second curing section which cures the second ink on the second surface of the recording medium.

In response, Applicants elect to prosecute species I, e.g., claims 1-13, drawn to an image recording device comprising a controller that controls the curing section to cure the first ink on the recording medium, and controls the second recording head to start discharging the second ink after a conversion of the first ink on the recording medium becomes not less than 30% *without* traverse.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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